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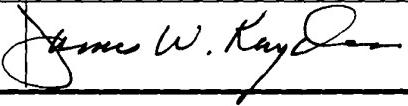
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In re: **BACHMANN**

For: **CLOSURE SYSTEM FOR SURGICAL RING**

This application is claiming priority to a European Patent Application filed on 4 September 2002, under European Appl. No. EP-02 019936.0.

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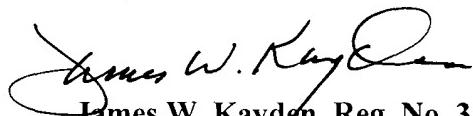
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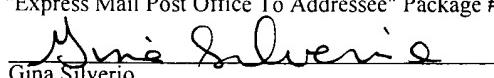
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